

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

February 13, 2006

Dear FERC-715 Respondent:

It is time to prepare and submit your annual electric transmitting utility's FERC-715 "Annual Transmission Planning and Evaluation Report." FERC-715 is a mandatory filing under Sections 213(b), 307(a) and 311 of the Federal Power Act and 18 CFR § 141.300 of the Commission's regulations.

A FERC-715 for 2006 must be submitted by each transmitting utility, as defined in § 3(23) of the Federal Power Act, that operates integrated (that is, non-radial) transmission facilities at or above 100 kilovolts. For your convenience, instructions for filing the FERC-715 are located on the FERC website at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eforms/form-715/instructions.asp>

Filings must be submitted to the Commission on or before April 1, 2006. A cover letter which includes a contact name, telephone number, mailing address and **e-mail address** must be sent with the required information and diskettes or CDs to:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Secretary of the Commission
(FERC-715)
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Last year a new filing method was used on a trial basis that eliminated the need to file paper. This option is again available this year. For paperless filing, you must submit all of the information on CD or diskette to the Secretary's Office at the above address. **Due to diskettes and CDs being damaged by going through thermo security procedures at the U.S. Postal Service regular mail system, please consider sending your filing via Federal Express, Airbourne, United Parcel Service, or some other express mail system.**

All of the Part 3, Utility Maps and Diagrams, must be submitted in their entirety, whether or not the data has changed from the previous year. In addition, you must include all maps and drawings in the electronic filing as PDF vector graphics files. A discussion of the differences between bitmap and vector graphics is located at:

<http://www.prepressure.com/image/bitmapvector.htm>. Most, if not all, software used today to develop maps and drawings will generate a PDF/Vector rendition of the drawing. If you contact those who created your system maps and drawings, they should be able to develop what you need. If there are any questions about this requirement, please contact Casey Nutsch at (202) 502-8426 or e-mail: form715@ferc.gov.

In addition, you must submit the **most current** regional or subregional input data to **solved** power flow base cases that the transmitting utility would ordinarily use as the starting point for its transmission planning studies or, where these data are unavailable from a regional organization, submit such data itself. You must provide a written explanation if your solved power flow base cases have voltage or equipment violations (transformer rating violations, line rating violations, or generator limit violations). You must also submit a data dictionary that lists the full or actual names for each abbreviated bus or terminal name used in your power flow data. Energy Information Administration codes must be included for each generating plant referenced. For your convenience, these codes have been posted on the FERC website: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eforms/form-715/eia-plant-codes.htm>. If you need a code for a plant not listed please contact Kenny McClevey (202) 287-1732, e-mail: kenneth.mcclevey@eia.doe.gov or Glenn McGrath (202) 287-1745, e-mail: glenn.mcgrath@eia.doe.gov, for the code.

The entire FERC-715 filing will be considered Critical Energy Infrastructure Information material and as such will not be made publicly available.

If you need assistance or if you have any questions on any aspects of the FERC-715 filing, please contact Casey Nutsch at (202) 502-8426 or Pat Morris at (202) 502-8730, or e-mail form715@ferc.gov.